

Panel to be set up to probe Tirumala laddu adulteration

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AMARAVATI

IN a first of its kind, the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet held its meeting for three and a half hours and consulted the Advocate General by inviting to the meeting and decided to bring all those involved in the adulteration of Tirumala laddus to the book by constituting a Commission of Inquiry.

As the SIT report submitted to the government recommended action against the perpetrators of the adulteration, the Cabinet decided to set up an Commission of Inquiry to identify real culprits in the heinous crime. The commission will be mandated to look into gaps in SIT prebe, chargesheet and identify the key conspirators with a fixed timeframe.

Coming down heavily on the YSRCP for spreading wrong propaganda on the scam, during a media briefing Ministers from all the coalition partners, Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav and Information & Public Relations Minister Kolu Parhasarathy (TDP), Civil



Supplies Minister N. Manohar (Jana Sena) and Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav (BJP) said while admitting that irregularity occurred by allowing adulteration, the leaders belonging to that party are falsely claiming that the coalition is responsible for the scam.

"Why are they not owning up responsibility? In our detailed inquiry, whosoever, no matter how big they are, will be punished as per law. We will also not allow them to misuse the name of the Lord Venkateswara or Srivari as they are being given utmost respect all over the world," the Ministers declared.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed anguish at the wrong narra-

tion being spread by YSRCP in spite of occurrence of a major scam when they were in power by allowing adulterated ghee in the preparation of laddus. He said unlike the YSRCP regime, they are conducting quality tests periodically by certified agencies to find out the quality of the laddus being offered to the presiding deity of Tirumala.

The Cabinet unanimously felt that adulteration was encouraged deliberately by the previous regime by relaxing the tender norms to benefit the suppliers. The Cabinet also is understood to have found fault with senior IAS officer Anil Kumar Singhal, who being the Executive Officer at that time, did not initiate any action.

Aussie CG for deepening engagement with AP to create pathways for talent creativity

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VIJAYAWADA

CONFEDERATION of Indian Industry (CII) Andhra Pradesh and Young Indians (Yi) Amaravati Chapter organised an Interactive Session with Silai Zaki, Consul General of Australia, Chennai, here on Tuesday.

The session offered a significant platform for members especially women leaders and young entrepreneurs of Yi Amaravati Chapter to explore collaborative opportunities with Australia. This engagement comes in the backdrop of the recent visit of Nara Lokesh, Minister for HRD, IT Electronics & Communication to Australia, further strengthening the momentum in forging deeper ties between Andhra Pradesh and Australia.

The interaction focused on enhancing avenues for women entrepreneurs and young leaders from Andhra Pradesh to connect with Australian institutions and innovation ecosystems. Discussions covered key sec-



tors including health, green energy, clean technologies, education, tourism, and sustainability.

In the context of tourism, participants explored ways to empower local artisans of Andhra Pradesh by providing them with platforms at national and international levels, particularly among Indian communities in Australia. Speakers highlighted possibilities such as cultural showcases, tourism-linked events, and curated exhibitions that could amplify the

global visibility of Andhra Pradesh's traditional arts, crafts, handloom heritage, and creative cultural industries.

Welcoming the gathering, Balakrishna Chittineni, Chapter Chair, Yi Amaravati Chapter, stated, "This interaction with the Australian Consul General has opened new doors for our youth and women leaders to think globally."

Speaking on the occasion, Silai Zaki said, "Australia places great value on

strengthening people to people and business connections with Andhra Pradesh. She highlighted the tremendous potential for collaboration in innovation, sustainability, education, and cultural exchange—including showcasing the remarkable craftsmanship of Andhra Pradesh's artisans to Australian and global audiences.

Echoing the sentiment, Ram Nagarjunakonda, Co-Chair, Yi Amaravati Chapter, remarked, "Our engage-

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ment today reinforces our belief that young leaders from Andhra Pradesh have immense potential to collaborate internationally."

Adding a regional perspective, Dr V Nagalakshmi, Chairperson, CII Vijayawada Zone, said, "Women leaders in Andhra Pradesh are taking bold strides in entrepreneurship, innovation, and community impact.

The insights shared today by the Consul General of Australia further empower our members to explore international markets, leadership models, and collaborative avenues."

TG gets pat for compliance reduction reforms



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HYDERABAD

A high-level meeting on compliance reduction and deregulation was held at the Secretariat here on Tuesday, chaired by Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao, along with Sukruti Lekhi, Secretary, Government of India.

Government of India officials complimented the Telangana Government for its commendable performance in Phase-I of the reforms and expressed confidence that the State would achieve similar success in Phase - II.

Officials informed that Phase-II covers 23 priority areas and 5 optional priority areas, aimed at simplifying procedures and further

improving the ease of doing business.

Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao assured that the State Government is committed to achieving the prescribed targets ahead of schedule. He directed the concerned departments to ensure that required legislations are introduced in the forthcoming Budget Session of the Legislature.

The meeting reaffirmed the State Government's resolve to pursue proactive regulatory reforms aligned with national priorities.

Senior officials Jayesh Ranjan, Sanjay Kumar, Ahmed Nadeem, Lokesh Kumar, T K Sreedevi, Raghunandan Rao, Surendra Mohan and others attended the meeting.

OGL records 29% YoY revenue growth

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HYDERABAD

OLECTRA Greentech Limited (OGL), a subsidiary of the MEIL Group and a leading electric vehicle manufacturer, has announced its consolidated financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2025 (Q3 & 9M FY 2025-26).

The results were approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on Monday.

During the third quarter of FY 2025-26, the company achieved its highest-ever quarterly delivery, underscoring strong execution and rising demand for clean mobility solutions.

Olectra Greentech delivered 385 electric vehicles during the quarter, a growth of 37 per cent year-on-year. Revenue for the quarter stood at Rs663.60 crore, registering a robust growth of 29 per cent compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year. EBITDA



for the quarter increased by 19 per cent year-on-year to Rs97.10 crore, driven by improved operational efficiency and scale benefits. Profit before tax stood at Rs64.07 crore, while profit after tax was Rs46.68 crore. Earnings per share for the quarter was reported at Rs5.65, reflecting stable profitability and disciplined cost management.

The record quarterly deliveries included 24 electric tippers, highlighting

Olectra's expanding footprint beyond electric buses. With cumulative deliveries of 3,639 electric vehicles till date and a strong order book of 9,439 electric vehicles, the company enjoys healthy revenue visibility and growth momentum for the coming quarters.

For the nine-month period ended December 31, 2025, Olectra Greentech reported revenue of Rs1,667.45 crore, reflecting a year-on-year growth

of 23 per cent. EBITDA for the period rose 13 per cent to Rs246.08 crore. Profit before tax stood at Rs166.33 crore, while profit after tax amounted to Rs122.14 crore, registering steady growth over the corresponding period last year.

Commenting on the performance, Mahesh Babu, Managing Director, Olectra Greentech Limited, said the company was pleased to report its highest-ever quarterly deliveries, supported by a sustained focus on operational efficiency and disciplined execution.

He said the certification of the company's Blade Battery Pack, an industry first in the Indian electric bus segment, marks a significant milestone. Production of buses equipped with Blade Battery technology is scheduled to commence from the next quarter, strengthening Olectra's technology-led growth strategy and its commitment to India's electric mobility transition.

Enthusiastic students throng CMFRI facility to know about marine creatures

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VISAKHAPATNAM



VISAKHAPATNAM Regional Centre of ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) observed its 79 th Foundation Day with an Open House that captivated the imagination of over 1,100 visitors. The audience predominantly comprised enthusiastic school children, budding researchers, and marine life enthusiasts. The day-long celebration, held at the R K Beach facility transformed into a hub of marine education and discovery. Approximately 1,000 school children from 15 schools and colleges across Visakhapatnam, along with 100 master and PhD students from various colleges and members of the general public, thronged the premises to experience the fascinating world beneath the waves.

Young minds were particularly mesmerised by the live display of marine creatures, including translucent jellyfish gracefully floating in specially designed tanks, various species of crabs, shrimps, colorful seaweeds,

and diverse fish species. The interactive exhibits allowed visitors to witness marine biodiversity up close, creating memorable learning experiences that textbooks alone cannot provide.

The event featured multiple attractions including museum tours showcasing marine life history, SCUBA and surfing equipment, kayak, photo opportunities with shark, dolphin, lobster and octopus models, and exclusive interactions with twelve marine researchers who shared insights into their groundbreaking work.

Visitors also explored state-of-the-art laboratories, peered through microscopes to observe microscopic marine organisms, and learned about sustainable fishing practices, marine biodiversity conservation, and innovations in aquaculture technology.

AP CM, Dy CM hail PM for signing trade deal with USA

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AMARAVATI

ANDHRA Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan have congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his success in entering into a new trade agreement

with the USA.

Taking to micro-blogging site X, Naidu said: "A historic milestone for global economic stability! I congratulate Hon'ble PM @narendramodi Ji on concluding this landmark trade agreement with the US. Reducing tariffs to 18% is a visionary move that strengthens the



bond between the world's two greatest democracies and ensures continued global growth."

He said: "Under the PM's leadership, India is cementing its role as a global economic powerhouse. This deal will significantly boost India's export competitiveness, creating immense op-

portunities for our youth and farmers, including those in Andhra Pradesh."

Pawan Kalyan also said on his X handle, "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri @narendramodi Ji, for energising India's economy by concluding two world-class trade agree-

ments within a span of a week."

He said: "Following last week's landmark "mother of all deals" with the European Union, Bharat's agreement yesterday with the President of the United States (@POTUS) @realDonaldTrump, is set to further strengthen our economic prospects."

Stage being set for fleet review, Milan-2026 in Visakha on Feb 18, 19



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VISAKHAPATNAM

ELABORATE arrangements are being made to host the International Fleet Review (IFR) and MILAN in Visakhapatnam on February 18 and 19.

Eastern Naval Command Chief of Naval Command Vice Admiral Sushil Menon (VSM) and other naval officers met with Chief Secretary K Vijayanand at the AP Secretariat at Amaravati to discuss the arrangements for these events. He explained to the Chief Secretary that a large number of ships, aircraft, and delegates from various countries would be participating in IFR. He stated that ships from 19 countries, including Sri Lanka and Iran, and approximately 4,000 delegates would be attending.

He also mentioned that three ships and about 150 delegates from the USA, Germany, and France would be participating. Similarly, 90 ships, 45 aircraft, and approximately 600 delegates from India will be participating. He said that the IFR and

MILAN-2026 will be held on the Visakhapatnam coastline on February 18 and 19. He added that President of India Droupadi Murmu, Governor Justice S Abdul Nazeer, and Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will attend the Fleet Review and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will attend MILAN, The Chief Minister and other dignitaries will witness the International City Parade on the beach road here.

On this occasion, Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand told the Eastern Naval Command officers that the State Government will provide all necessary assistance and cooperation to make the International Fleet Review and MILAN-2026 program in Visakhapatnam a success. The Chief Secretary issued instructions to the concerned department officials regarding the arrangements to be made. Since VVIPs like the President of India, Defence Minister, Governor, and Chief Minister are attending this program, CS Vijayanand directed the officials to make appropriate security arrangements

Malla Reddy Narayana Hospital hits milestone with robotic cardiac surgeries

HYDERABAD

MALLA Reddy Narayana Multispeciality Hospital has attained a notable clinical accomplishment by successfully performing over 50 robotic intra-cardiac surgeries. This achievement positions the hospital as the first facility in South, West, and East India to utilise the SSI Mantra indigenous robotic surgical system, thereby reaching this significant milestone in the field of robotic cardiac care.

This achievement underscores the hospital's leadership in advanced, minimally invasive cardiac surgery, driven by a strong focus on clinical excellence, patient safety, and consistent outcomes.

Speaking to the media here on Tuesday, Dr Ch Bhadra Reddy, Chairman,

Malla Reddy Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, said, "This milestone reflects our long-term vision of bringing advanced, world-class healthcare to patients through innovation and clinical excellence. Our focus has always been on adopting technology responsibly, with patient safety and outcomes at the core of every advancement."

Dr Ch Preeti Reddy, vice chairman, highlighted the strategic importance of technology-enabled care and stated, "When advanced technology is integrated with strong clinical systems and leadership, it can significantly elevate patient outcomes.

This milestone demonstrates how structured planning, safe adoption, and the right technology can redefine modern cardiac care."

GHMC hosts 3-day joint induction training for metropolitan surveillance units

HYDERABAD

THE Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), through its Metropolitan Surveillance Unit (MSU), commenced a three-day joint induction training programme for MSU staff from Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Thane at Dr MCR Human Resource Development Institute (MCR HRD), Jubilee Hills, on Tuesday. The training programme is scheduled from February 3 to February 5.

Addressing the participants, GHMC Commissioner R Karnan emphasised the critical role of metropolitan surveillance units as the frontline defence in safeguarding public health in urban environments. He

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underlined that the primary responsibility of MSU personnel is to ensure timely reporting, verification, and effective response to outbreak-prone diseases.

The Commissioner highlighted key focus areas including surveillance of water-

borne diseases such as Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases, Cholera and Viral Hepatitis; vector-borne diseases like Dengue, Chikungunya and Malaria; and other emerging public health threats including food poisoning and zoonotic diseases, aligned with the One

Health approach. He also stressed the need to prioritise vulnerable populations residing in slums, high-density settlements and migratory clusters where disease transmission risks remain high.

Explaining the progress of MSU Hyderabad, Karnan stated that the unit, functioning under GHMC and established under the Prime Minister - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), is emerging as the central hub for urban disease surveillance. Of the 17 sanctioned posts, 14 personnel have already been recruited, while the remaining vacancies are expected to be filled shortly. The newly appointed staff are currently undergoing departmental orientation.